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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT
AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notice mailed 27 October 2004 by Legal Instruments Examiner
Tracy D. Johnson (Phone 571 272 0534), consideration of the following remarks is
solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this
Document has been filed in the U.S. Post Office via
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2004 (37 CFR 1.10).

Applicants' Attorney herein responds to the above Notice requiring replacement of
the entire Amendments to Claims Section of Applicants' 10/14/04 response. Please
substitute the following Section: